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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
IN RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 24, 2003, FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action of September 24, 2003. In that Office Action, a three month shortened statutory period was set for response, and this response is therefore timely. If it is determined, however, that any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this Amendment, authorization is hereby given to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2955. In addition, applicants also request that any subsequently filed reply requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission be treated as if it incorporated such petition for an extension of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) and hereby authorize that any fees due in connection therewith be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2955.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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